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SUBJECT: LETTER TO MAYOR OF FAMAGUSTA

REF: NICOSIA 662

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO MAYOR OF FAMAGUSTA

DATED MARCH 4 AS PROVIDED BY WHITE HOUSE:

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MAYOR:

THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF  
FEBRUARY 2 CONCERNING THE SITUATION ON CYPRUS.

IN A RECENT REPORT TO THE CONGRESS, THE PRESIDENT STATED  
THAT WHILE THE DETAILS OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT ARE FOR THE  
TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES TO DECIDE BETWEEN THEMSELVES,  
THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS CERTAIN PRINCIPLES ESSENTIAL  
TO ANY NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE ON THE ISLAND.  
ONE OF THESE PRINCIPLES IS THAT THE PRESENT DIVIDING  
LINES-ON-CYPRUS CANNOT BE PERMANENT AND THAT THERE MUST  
BE TERRITORIAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH REFLECT THE ECONOMIC  
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REQUIREMENTS OF THE GREEK-CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. ANOTHER PRINCIPLE IS THAT THERE MUST BE SECURITY FOR ALL CYPRIOTS AND THAT THE NEEDS AND WISHES OF THE REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPAL VICTIMS OF THE EVENTS OF 1974 MUST BE

DEALT WITH SPEEDILY AND WITH COMPASSION. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, THE UNITED STATES HAS SOUGHT FROM THE BEGINNING TO FACILITATE PROGRESS BY ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED -- GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS -- TOWARD A PEACEFUL AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION. IN THIS REGARD, WE VIEW THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AT VIENNA AS A HOPEFUL SIGN THAT FUTURE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES WILL LEAD A STEP CLOSER TO SETTLEMENT.

--I CAN ASSURE YOU THE PRESIDENT SHARES YOUR HOPE THAT A LASTING AND JUST SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND CAN BEGIN THE TASK OF BUILDING A PROSPEROUS FUTURE IN A SECURE AND STABLE ENVIRONMENT. SINCERELY, ROLAND L. ELLIOTT, DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE. END TEXT.

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